

**Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust**

Sanction Order

F.No.23/584/2025-NMET/ **952**

New Delhi, 05th March, 2025

Subject: Approval of mineral exploration project and release of 1st Advance from Grant-in-Aid (General) for the project "Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage Exploration) For Phosphorite & associated minerals in Kaphalda Block, Districts: Dehradun & Tehri Garhwal, State: Uttarakhand".

Agency: - MECL

On the recommendation of Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET, the Executive Committee (EC) in its 40th meeting held on 21st February, 2025 has approved mineral exploration project to be executed by MECL. The details of the project are given below:-

S. No.	Project/Block Name	Commodity	Stage	Duration (Months)	Approved Cost (Including GST)
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage Exploration) For Phosphorite & associated minerals in Kaphalda Block, Districts: Dehradun & Tehri Garhwal, State: Uttarakhand	Phosphorite and associate minerals	G-4	12 Months (up to 04.03.2026)	₹3,18,44,525/-

2. The mineral exploration project will be funded by NMET as per the cost recommended by the TCC and approved by the EC. The Implementing Agency shall complete the same as per the approved cost estimates and time schedule, enclosed in **Annexure**, as summarized below: -

•	Field Mobilization	01 st month (up to 04.04.2025).
•	Exploration (Sampling, Survey, Drilling, Camp winding)	02 nd to 11 th month (up to 04.02.2026).
•	Laboratory Studies	08 th to 10 th month (up to 04.01.2026)
•	Report Writing with Peer Review and submission to NMET	11 th to 12 th month (up to 04.03.2026)

3. The Implementing Agency shall submit progress on monthly basis to NMET Secretariat. The TCC, NMET shall review the progress of project and provide update to the Executive Committee.

4. Sanction is also hereby conveyed for release of the 1st instalment of 40% of the approved project cost i.e. ₹ 1,27,37,810/- (**₹ One Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ten only**) as an advance in terms of conditions stipulated in this office letter no. 42/1/2017-NMET/176 dated 16th December 2021 and letter no. 42/1/2017-NMET/217 dated 19th January 2022 regarding "Release of funds to State Government / NEAs for mineral exploration".

5. The expenditure will be debited to '2853' Non-Ferrous Mining and Metallurgical Industries (Major Head) 02-Regulation and Development of Mines (Sub-Major head) 102-Mineral Exploration (Minor Head) 05-National Mineral Exploration Trust Fund Activities (Sub-Head) 00- National Mineral Exploration Trust Fund Activities (Detailed-Head) 05.00. 31-Grant-in-aid (General) under Demand No. 69, Ministry of Mines during the financial year 2024-25.
6. Certified that the pattern of assistance, under which the Grants-in-Aid (General) has been sanctioned, has the prior approval of Ministry of Finance.
7. MECL is a registered agency on EAT module of PFMS. In terms of **Rule 230, 235, 236 and 238 of GFR**, MECL should maintain subsidiary accounts of the Government Grants and furnish the same to the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry. The account shall be open to inspection by the Sanctioning Authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry of Mines, whenever the Organization is called upon to do so.
8. The exploration agency has to furnish the utilization certificate in respect of amount disbursed as Grant-in-aid for the project on utilization of disbursed amount or after completion of one year from the date of disbursement of advance, whichever is earlier. The next instalment of advance will be released after submission of utilization certificate and progress report in respect of the 1st instalment.
9. **The uploading of Geological Report (GR) on NGDR portal is sole responsibility of the exploration agency. The final payment will be made only after receiving the confirmation of the same. The screenshot / acknowledgement of successful uploading of GR is to be submitted to NMET with the final bill.**
10. Shri Arun Kumar Chail, Section Officer in the Ministry will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for this purpose. It is requested that the payment of **₹ 1,27,37,810/- (₹ One Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ten only)** may kindly be made to the Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Ltd, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur – 440006 through RTGS in State Bank of India, Industrial Finance Branch, Nagpur (IFSC Code – SBIN0000432, Account No. 10374783387)
11. This has concurrence of JS & FA, Mines vide Note# 13 dated 04.03.2025 (E file No. 3077676).

Yours faithfully,



(Geetika Sharma)
Deputy Secretary & HoD, NMET

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Pay & Accounts Office,
Ministry of Mines, New Delhi

Copy for information and further necessary action:

1. The Chairman & Managing Director, Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Ltd. (MECL), Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur – 440006.
2. I.F. Division, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Executive Committee (EC) Meeting file (F.No.6/2/2015-NMET)
4. The Chairman, TCC, NMET.
5. Grant-in aid Sanction order file.